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1. DURING JOHNSON COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR SUBEV, JUNE 14, POINTS RE LUKANOV VISIT MADE PER REFTEL. SUBEV ALREADY HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR ZDRAVCHIEV ON JUNE 8 MEETING WITH BAKER AND HAD DISCUSSED REPORT WITH MLADENOV. SUBEV SAID LATER THAT MLADENOV WOULD SEE SECRETARY ROGERS AT CSCE IN HELSINKI AND MIGHT WANT REVIEW DEVELOPMENT US- BULGAR RELATIONS SINCE THEIR NEW YORK MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1972.

2. JOHNSON ALSO DELIVERED MESSAGE PER REFTEL DURING CALL ON LUKANOV LATER THAT DAY. LUKANOV RAISED QUESTION OF POPOV VISIT AND WAS TOLD WE THOUGHT LUKANOV WOULD DISCUSS THIS WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON. WE SAID POPOV VISIT SHOULD RESULT IN CONCRETE AGREEMENTS AND ADVANCED IDEA POPOV MIGHT SIGN CONSULAR CONVENTION. LUKANOV AGREED PURPOSE HIS OWN VISIT TO US WAS TO MEET US BUSINESS BUT THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED IN WASHINGTON DISCUSS PLANNING FOR POPOV TRIP.

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3. BOTH MFA AND MFT INITIAL REACTION TO US PROPOSAL ON
LUKANOV SEEMS FAVORABLE. LUKANOV PROMISED DEFINITIVE RESPONSE
SOON. SUBEV GUESSED SAME PERSONS WOULD MAKE
TRIP TO SAME PLACES IN US AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED.
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